

Art Unit: 1621

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant application is allowable inasmuch as the prior art does not teach or suggest applicants' multi-step process. Stogryn, U.S. 4,665,234, is cited as state of the art only.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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